

## 9 FAM Appendix C, JAMAICA

(TL:VISA-450; 08-08-2002)

### RECIPROCITY

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Visa	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-3 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
B-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
B-1/B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
C-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-1/D	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
D	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
E-2 [2]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
F-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
F-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
H-1B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
I	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-1 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
L-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
L-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
M-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
M-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	N/A	N/A	N/A

O-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
O-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
O-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	NONE	MULTIPLE	15 MONTHS [3]
R-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
R-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
T-1 [9]	N/A	N/A	N/A
T-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-3	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-4	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

## **SPECIAL CLEARANCE AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES**

*(TL:VISA-180; 10-15-1998)*

Posts with CLASS capability should not send clearance requests to Kingston unless a CLASS check indicates derogatory information is on file there. The U.S. Embassy in Kingston has already entered the names of all aliens for whom derogatory information is available into the CLASS system; therefore, a negative CLASS check is considered to be the equivalent of a check with the Embassy.

## **DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS**

### **Birth Certificate**

*(TL:VISA-180; 10-15-1998)*

Available. A certified copy of a birth certificate may be obtained from the Registrar General, Spanish Town. The full name of the subject, the exact date and place of birth, the name of the father and the full name of the mother should be furnished. An airmail reply will be made if funds are included for extra postage. The form measures approximately 7-1/2 X 10 inches. To be valid, it must bear the impression seal stamp of the Registrar General's Office, Jamaica. There is a fee for this service.

An amended certificate of birth showing that the person was legitimated under the laws of Jamaica may be obtained from the Registrar General's Office. The applicant must present the original birth certificate, marriage certificate of parents, and an affidavit from the parents stating that no legal impediment existed to the marriage at the time of the illegitimate child's birth. There is a fee for this service.

## **Police Record**

*(TL:VISA-381; 04-02-2002)*

Available. Residents of Jamaica should apply for police certificates at CIB Headquarters in Kingston. They must present a passport, 2 passport-sized photographs, and evidence, such as a form letter of instructions to visa applicants, that the Embassy requires them to obtain police certificates for immigration purposes. Fees must be paid at the Ministry of National Security and Justice (MNSJ) at 2 Oxford Road, Kingston. Cost is 2,000 Jamaica dollars (about 40USD) for express, three-day service and 1,000 Jamaica dollars (about 20 USD) for regular service with a 21 working day waiting period.

Jamaicans and former residents of Jamaica applying for visas abroad may apply for police certificates by mail. Requests are sent to the Criminal Investigation Bureau, Jamaica Constabulary Headquarters, P.O. Box 462, Kingston, and must include two passport-size photographs, a set of fingerprints taken by police officials, and the required fee. The applicant must indicate in the written request that the certificate is necessary for U.S. immigration purposes and furnish the address of the consular office at which the applicant is applying for a visa.

The police certificate is sent directly to the indicated consular office unless a criminal record exists, in which case no certificate is issued. In these cases a letter is sent to the U.S. Embassy in Kingston in which the particulars of the conviction are stated briefly, and the consular office is notified to request the transfer of the statement from the Embassy in Kingston.

The issued certificate measures 8 X 6 inches. The heading reads "Jamaica Constabulary". A photograph of the applicant is attached and an impression seal is placed near the photograph.

## **Prison Record**

(TL:VISA-381; 04-02-2002)

Available. *Persons may obtain* copies of the indictment and information *related to* the individual concerned from the court before which he or she was convicted. Fees as described for police certificates must be paid to the MNSJ and records requested through the CIB.

## **Purging of Criminal Records**

(TL:VISA-381; 04-02-2002)

Under the provisions of the Criminal Records (Rehabilitation Of Offenders) Act, of September 1988, a person convicted of an offense to which this section applies may make an application for the expungement from the criminal records after the corresponding rehabilitation period has passed. The rehabilitation period ranges from three to ten years depending on the conviction record thus expunged, referred to as spent, are not considered when police certificates are issued.

## **Military Record**

(TL:VISA-180; 10-15-1998)

Available. Persons who served in the 1914-1918 British West India Regiment may obtain records from the War Office in London. Persons who served in 1939-1945 1st Battalion, Caribbean Unit, Jamaica Battalion, Jamaica Home Guard, Jamaica Military Artillery, or the present Jamaica Regiment, may obtain records from the Records Office, Headquarters, Camp Area, Up Park Camp, Kingston. Persons who served in other services may obtain records from the respective ministries in London.

## **Marriage Certificate**

(TL:VISA-180; 10-15-1998)

Available. A certified copy of a marriage certificate may be obtained from the Registrar General's Office, Spanish Town. The full name of the subject, the date and place of marriage, and the name of the person who performed the marriage should be furnished. An airmail reply will be made if funds are included for extra postage. The form measures approximately 7 1/2 X 10 inches. To be valid, it must bear the impression seal stamp of the General Register Office, Jamaica. There is a fee for this service.

## **Divorce Certificate**

*(TL:VISA-180; 10-15-1998)*

Available. An attested or certified copy of divorce record may be obtained from the Registrar of the Supreme Court, Kingston. The name of the petitioner and the name of the respondent should be furnished, as well as the date of the divorce. The form of this document may vary in accordance with the type of decree given. To be valid it must bear the impression seal stamp "Supreme Court of Judicature of Jamaica". There is a fee for this service.

## **Death Certificate**

*(TL:VISA-180; 10-15-1998)*

Available. Obtainable in the same manner as birth and marriage certificates.

## **Adoption Certificate**

*(TL:VISA-258; 04-10-2001)*

Available. A certified copy of an adoption certificate may be obtained from the Registrar General, Spanish Town. There may be a fee for this service. An adoption order is available from the court where the adoption took place.

## **VISAS ISSUING POSTS**

*(TL:VISA-1135; 02-26-1993)*

Kingston (E) All categories.  
Address: Jamaica Mutual Life Center  
2 Oxford Rd., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

## **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS SERVICED**

*(TL:VISA-1135; 02-26-1993)*

All of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands.